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SUBJECT: CAMBODIA SITUATION REPORT -- APRIL 18

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1. TODAY OUR REPORT IS LARGELY LIMITED TO PIECING TOGETHER SUCH STORIES AS ARE AVAILABLE CONCERNING THE FATE OF VARIOUS LEADING PERSONALITIES OF THE GKR. THE REFTEL REPORTED THE ARRIVAL OF LTG SAK SUTSAKHAN AND OTHERS BY AIRCRAFT AT U-TAPAO ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 18. (ONE SLIGHT CORRECTION IS THAT THE DIRECTOR OF CABINET OF PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET WHO ARRIVED ON THIS AIRCRAFT IS DIEP KONNTA, RATHER THAN "KON THA" AS REPORTED REFTEL.)

2. OTHER SOURCES CONFIRM THE FAILURE OF PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET AND HIS FAMILY, AS WELL AS OF INFORMATION MINISTER THONG LIM HOUNG AND HIS FAMILY, TO BOARD THE LAST DEPARTING HELICOPTER FROM THE OLYMPIC STADIUM DURING THE MORNING OF APRIL 17. THEIR FAMILIES WERE LATE IN
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ARRIVING AT THE TAKEOFF POINT, AND AS THE TWO MINISTERS

DESCENDED TO HELP THEIR FAMILIES ABOARD, THE HELICOPTER LEFT WITHOUT THEM, AS KC TROOPS WERE ARRIVING ON THE SCENE. PRESUMABLY BOTH ARE NOW IN KC CUSTODY.

3. AIR FORCE COMMANDER BG EA CHHONG, ACCOMPANIED BY FANK 2ND DIVISION COMMANDER DIEN DEL AND MANY KAF OFFICERS, IS SAID TO HAVE ARRIVED AT SAMRONG IN ODDAR MEANCHEY ON APRIL 17. FROM THEIR THEY ARE REPORTED TO HAVE GONE ON TO SURIN IN THAILAND ON APRIL 18.

4. YESTERDAY'S CAMBODIA SITUATION REPORT (BANGKOK 6659; CAMBODIA-B NO. 53) LISTED A NUMBER OF KAF AIRCRAFT WHICH HAD REACHED U-TAPAO ROYAL THAI AIRBASE DURING THE DAY OF APRIL 17. ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 18 THERE ARRIVED AN ADDITIONAL KAF C-123 AND TWO AC-47'S, CARRYING IN ALL SOME 150 TO 180 PERSONS, INCLUDING THE PARTY OF LTG SAK SUTSAKHAN MENTIONED ABOVE AND IN THE REFTEL. AS OF APRIL 18 THE FOLLOWING KAF AIRCRAFT HAD ARRIVED AT U-TAPAO: TWO C-123'S, SEVEN T-28'S, ONE AU-24, THREE AC-47'S, ONE T-41M AND ONE UH1H HELICOPTER. FINALLY, WE HEARD IN THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 18 THAT TWO MORE HELICOPTERS HAS ARRIVED SOMEWHERE IN THAILAND -- CONDITION, EXACT LOCATION AND PASSENGERS UNKNOWN. A LOCAL REPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ONE SOURCE INDICATING THAT A TOTAL OF 95 KAF AIRCRAFT ARE IN THAILAND. THIS FIGURE SEEMS HIGH, BUT IT DOUBTLESS WOULD INCLUDE CRAFT WHICH WERE IN THAILAND FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE, AS WELL AS THOSE EMPLOYED HERE IN THE TRAINING OF KAF PILOTS AND OTHER PERSONNEL.

5. AS MENTIONED IN PRIOR TELEGRAMS, THE THAIS HAVE SO FAR PLACED THESE PERSONS ARRIVING BY AIRCRAFT IN THE TENT AREA AT U-TAPAO WHICH HAS BEEN OCCUPIED UNTIL NOW BY THE LARGER GROUP OF KHMER EVACUEES WHO ARRIVED UNDER USG AUSPICES ON APRIL 12 AND DURING THE PRECEDING FEW DAYS. ARRANGEMENTS FOR KHMERS ARRIVING SINCE APRIL 12 REMAIN, OF COURSE, STRICTLY A MATTER BETWEEN THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND THE THAI AUTHORITIES.

6. AIR DROPS. ALL AIR DROPS TO CAMBODIAN TERRITORY HAVE CEASED AS OF THE END OF THE DAY APRIL 17.
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7. VISA NOTE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN BANGKOK HAS BEEN ORDERED BY PARIS TO SUSPEND ALL ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO KHMER APPLICANTS UNTIL AT LEAST APRIL 21.
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